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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, submitted with a Request for Continued Examination, is in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007 in the above-referenced patent application. This Response is being submitted within the third month after the shortened statutory period set for response in the Office Action. A separate Petition and Fee for a three-month extension of time are being submitted herewith. With the extension, the deadline for response is reset to expire on October 19, 2007.

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